

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2594 - HB 2585

January 24, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires sex offenders to provide Internet account information such as e-mail addresses, user names and aliases on the sex offender registry, and to notify their registering agency, either electronically or in person, within 30 minutes of any changes to such information. Requires a probation or parole officer to notify the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) upon learning of any such changes. Authorizes the TBI to transmit such information electronically to companies that provide pre-screening services.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$18,000/One-Time

Increase Local Gov't. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

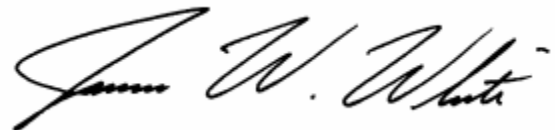
- The TBI would need to revise the Registration Form to include the additional information regarding the sex offenders' Internet account information at a one-time programming expense of approximately \$18,000. Any cost associated with transmitting such information electronically is estimated to be not significant and could be handled within existing resources.
- Any additional cost for the registering agencies to be notified by the sex offender of changes to such information is estimated to be not significant and could be handled within existing resources.
- According to the Board of Probation and Parole (BOPP), most sex offenders under supervision are not allowed to use computers or the Internet, and such offenders must sign a "Specialized Probation Conditions for Sex Offenders" form to that effect.
- No requirement for BOPP officers to monitor this type of information or computer usage by registered offenders. Once an officer notifies the TBI of any changes to an offender's Internet account information, the bill does not require any follow-up by the Board.
- If such monitoring were required, the cost of this bill would increase substantially. BOPP estimates a recurring increase in state expenditures of approximately \$515,682 which reflects the cost of eight

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IRSS 3 positions (one in each district) and one IRSS 5 position to supervise the additional monitoring of registered offenders. This estimate includes salary, benefits, supplies and other related expenses. Currently, BOPP has 2,400 registered sex offenders under supervision. The one-time increase in state expenditures is estimated at \$77,700 which includes safety equipment, forensics software and licenses for spy ware software.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

James W. White, Executive Director

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